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Subject: Westport Shellfish Commission Review of CT DOT Project 102-195

Dear Mr. Coite and Mr. Davis:

I am writing in response to your June 23, 2020 e-mail regarding the request for the completion of the CT DEEP Shellfish Commission Consultation form regarding the above-referenced project.

I have spoken to our Chairman, Heather Williams, who is amenable to holding a special meeting of the Shellfish Commission to review the proposed median reconstruction and resurfacing of I-95 in Norwalk and Westport in order to avoid an automatic approval that you said was eminent should the Commission not respond within 60 days of receipt of the June 23rd e-mail. However, in reviewing the documents that you sent they pertain only to the work proposed in Norwalk. The fifth paragraph of the June 22, 2020 letter signed by Kimberly Lesay states in part that, "..in light of the refinement of the project scope that has occurred since 2016..." This statement seems to suggest that changes were made to the plans for Westport. However, the plate sheets that you included in your e-mail are dated February 7, 2020 and pertain only to work in Norwalk. Therefore, it would not be efficient to hold a special meeting if there have been no changes to the segment of the bridge over the Saugatuck River.

We will await your response before scheduling a special meeting and respectfully request that additional time be allotted if need be to meet the 60 day submission deadline.

Sincerely,

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RE: Westport Shellfish Commission Review of CT DOT Project 102-195

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Dear Ms. Mozian:

The documents that were provided to the Commission cover all the project's activities (within both Norwalk and Westport) that were included with the Structures, Dredge, and Fill (SDF) permit that DOT is seeking from DEEP.

While the documents that were provided primarily pertain to work only in Norwalk, the exception is the work on the I-95 bridge over the Saugatuck River, which is of course within Westport. This work within Westport is depicted on the last page of the drawings, plate no. 17, which show:

- the proposed replacement of the asphaltic plug expansion joints and associated repairs to the concrete deck ends at both abutments and piers 3 and 7, and
- the proposed temporary work platforms to a) facilitate the work at the piers and b) ensure that no debris or materials are able to enter the watercourse.

It is expected that all work at these locations can be accomplished from above and do not require any in-water impacts or temporary barges. But because the work on the I-95 bridge over the Saugatuck River is over water within DEEP's Coastal Jurisdiction Line, and because it is associated with the project's other in-water work in Norwalk, the DOT has included the Westport work with the SDF application.

With respect to our previous statement regarding refinement of the project scope, please know that those refinements were limited to work within Norwalk. The work scope for the activities in Westport remain consistent with what was proposed in 2016. There is not, nor had there ever been, proposed project work within Westport that would affect drainage or the regulated water and wetland resources within and along the Saugatuck River.

Please let us know what is decided with respect to the Commission's meeting.

Thank you,
-Jason

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